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2. Prior to mid-October, an estimated 1,000 to 1,100 KVPs were quartered in the former Artillery Kaserne in Weissenfels. Sentries and individual soldiers who were observed at the installation wore red collar patches. As many as 200 men who generally left the installation by platoons and carried small arms, machine guns and 80-mm mortars were frequently observed at infantry training westsouthwest of Dehlitz. 2
3. On 8 October, two KVP units were located in the barracks installation on Georgewitzer Strasse in Loebau. The men of the one unit wore black-bordered blue collar patches, while the soldiers of the other unit wore red-bordered black collar patches. About 50 men drilled in the barracks yard in squads of 10 men each. 3
4. KVP Camp Niederschlag was torn down in September and October. Only the foundation walls of the hutments were still left in late October. 4
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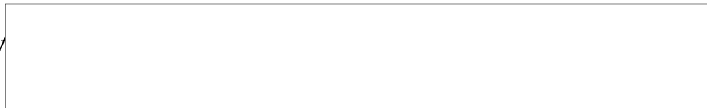
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